

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the first-grade class
of Attica Elementary School in Attica, Indiana

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Whereas, The first grade students at Attica Elementary School are participating in a project sponsored by the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music;

Whereas, The violin project was developed by Brenda Brenner, a music education professor at Jacobs School of Music, after research showed that students who played string instruments performed better academically than those who did not;

Whereas, Research indicates that students of the arts outperform their peers on the SAT and that music instruction topped computer skills instruction in developing a student's abstract reasoning skills;

Whereas, Indiana University graduate student Kasia Bugaj travels to Attica Elementary twice a week to teach first graders how to play the violin;

Whereas, The violin curriculum was developed to include a connection to math and reading;



Whereas, Attica, a community of 3,200 people, is a steel town whose young people are not as familiar with the violin as with other musical genres and whose school corporation could never have begun a violin project without assistance;

Whereas, Through the generosity of the community and Ann Harrison, whose husband is co-owner of the local steel mill, the project came to be;

Whereas, Teachers and administrators see the possibility of expanding the program to include more grades and its potential to change the community's educational infrastructure, where current census figures show less than 10 percent of residents have a bachelor's degree; and

Whereas, The lives of these young people have been changed for the better through the introduction of the violin project into their lives: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 acknowledges the progress being made by the first grade students at
3 Attica Elementary School who are involved in the violin project
4 sponsored by Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Superintendent
7 Judy Bush and Dusty Goodwin, principal of Attica Elementary School.

